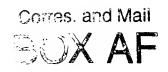
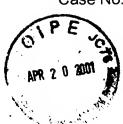
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Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

A Notice of Appeal with a two-month extension of time was filed by applicants on March 1, 2001. Thus, this response is considered timely filed within the two-month time period for submitting an Appeal Brief.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.